

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on November 18, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Rooms 1H and 1I of the Dodge County Administration Building.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, MaryAnn Miller, Bill Muche, and John Schmid.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; Robert Bird, Dodge County Land Conservation Department Conservation Agronomist; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Rich Christian and Laurie Koeck, USDA-Animal Damage Control Office in Waupun.

**Others Present:** Bill Foley, Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association Board Member.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING:** Motion by Miller to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2013 meeting; seconded by Schmid. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** Bill Foley introduced himself to the committee, indicating that he is a member of the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association Board, and that he was attending the meeting today simply to observe the meeting.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** There were no agency advisor reports.

**REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES:** The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CONSERVATION PLANS:** There were no conservation plans to be approved and signed at this meeting.

**REVIEW/APPROVE WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE PROGRAM FIVE-YEAR COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT:** The committee was informed that it is necessary to approve and sign a new Five-Year Cooperative Service Agreement between Dodge County, the Wisconsin DNR, and the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for services under the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. The existing agreement expires on December 31, 2013. Although the Dodge County Corporation Counsel's office has reviewed the proposed agreement but has not yet been able to finalize a report to the committee, the committee felt it was necessary to take action at today's meeting. Motion by Macheel to approve and sign the proposed Five-Year Cooperative Service Agreement between Dodge County, the Wisconsin DNR, and the USDA-APHIS, provided the Corporation Counsel's office does not find any substantial concerns with the agreement as drafted, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

**BADGER COVER CROP PLOT PRESENTATION:** Robert Bird gave a power point presentation of the various planning, implementation and educational activities carried out in 2013 for the Badger Cover Crop Plot on the Jeff and Jerry Kreuziger Farm, Town of Clyman. The study plot will continue with yield checks and additional educational activities during the 2014 cropping season .

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM:** One voluntary notice of noncompliance and three involuntary notices of noncompliance were presented for committee review and action. Motion by Kriewald to authorize the Chair to sign a Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance for Tim Enderle, Town of Theresa; and to sign Involuntary Notices of Noncompliance for Steve and Nancy Grulke, Town of Theresa, Merlene Hayes, Town of Lomira; and Calamus Land, LLC, Town of Calamus; seconded by Muche. Motion carried. Marc also reported that all but two program participants have paid their \$25 FPP Service Fee for 2013.

**COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT:** Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

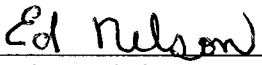
**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** Jim Mielke reported on items of discussion at the November 2013 meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. One major item of discussion at this meeting was regarding the channel dredging and spoil placement work to be done in northern sections of the lake, and how to fund the work. John Schmid reported that he was unable to attend the most recent meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake District due to a scheduling conflict, but that he was updated by Kathy Rydquist that a major part of the meeting was spent on discussing sewer issues for a new development project on the south side of Fox Lake.

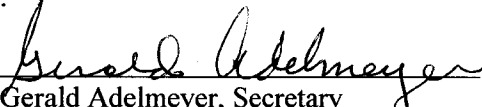
**CORRESPONDENCE:** There were no significant items of correspondence to share at this meeting.

**PER DIEMS:** Motion by Muche, seconded by Miller to approve the regular per diems, with no additional per diems for consideration at this meeting. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 30, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in the Auditorium of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 9:45 AM; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

  
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Ed Nelson, Chair

  
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Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

Four Landowners – Land & Water Cost-Share payments =	\$ 7,191.25
Office Max – Office Supplies =	\$ 7.64
Marc Bethke – September & October Expenses =	\$ 141.32
Joe's Auto Service – Repairs to 1999 Ford Ranger =	<u>\$ 139.01</u>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 7,479.22</b>

### (REVENUE)

Erosion Material Sales =	\$ 167.00
United Cooperative Equity Revolverment Payment =	\$ 146.19
Manure Storage Earnest Fee – (Two Payments) =	\$ 2,000.00
Eight – Farmland Preservation Service Fee Payments =	\$ 200.00
15 Small Packet Tree Orders =	<u>\$ 1,526.06</u>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 4,039.25</b>

## **NOVEMBER 2013 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT**

### **SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:**

- Prepared several Land & Water Cost Share Agreements to commit most of the remaining 2013 funding to project contracts
- Carried out various administrative activities to secure conservation compliance certifications and fee payments from several Farmland Preservation Program participants
- Participated in a group discussion with representatives from the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District, Dodge County Farm Bureau, Dodge County Administrator Jim Mielke, Dodge County Board Chairman Russell Kottke, and Dodge County Land Conservation Department field staff on November 7<sup>th</sup> to consider options for addressing concerns related to winter manure spreading activities in Dodge County
- Prepared news article on winter manure spreading, spoke with UWEX staff and Dodge County DHIA regarding placing this news article in upcoming issues of one or more of their newsletters; prepared information materials for upcoming meeting with Dodge County Farm Bureau Board of Directors on the subject of nutrient management and winter manure spreading